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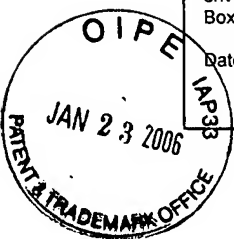
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In re Patent Application of:

Michihiko SASAKI

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, for which a response was due on December 21, 2005, and for which a one-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from December 21, 2005, to January 23, 2006 (the first business day following January 21, 2006), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

There are no amendments to the specification or drawings.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5.